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Applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.

This request is being filed with a notice of appeal.

The review is requested for the reason(s) stated on the attached sheet(s).

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In re Application of: Uwe Nigrin
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Examiner: Trieu, Theresa
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Dear Sir:

PRE-APPEAL REQUEST ARGUMENTS

At the time of the Final Office Action mailed November 27, 2007, Claims 1-14 were pending in this Application. Claims 1-14 stand rejected. No claim amendments have been requested in response to the Final Office Action and none are hereby requested. This Request is being filed concurrently with a Notice of Appeal.

ARGUMENTS

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner stated that “Applicant should note that the language “integral” is sufficiently broad to embrace constructions united by such means as fastening and welding (*In re Hotte* (C.C.P.A.) 157 U.S.P.Q. 326).” Advisory Action, page 2, lines 4-5. Applicant respectfully disagrees. The Examiner is clearly misinterpreting *in re Hotte*. According to *in re Hotte*, the C.C.P.A. states that the term “integral” is not necessarily restricted to one piece structures but does not state that two separate pieces can be “integral.”

In particular, the terms “fastening and welding” inherently define that at least an inseparable unit must be formed by the elements. In fact, Applicant uses the term integral consistent with *in re Hotte* because it describes an embodiment of an integral rotor into which spring elements are completely molded, thus, being a part of the rotor. See, specification, page 6, paragraph [0028].

According to the Examiner’s interpretation two elements that are simply pieced together as for example disclosed in *Taguchi* fall allegedly under the term “integral.” Such an interpretation renders the term “integral” completely meaningless as any random elements placed next to each other would be considered integral. As stated above, contrary to the Examiner’s argument, the term “integral” requires that for example two elements to be joined by some means such as fastening and welding. This is clearly not the case in *Taguchi*.

According to *Taguchi*, spring 17 is not fastened by any means to holding element 18. Spring 17 is merely fitted into holding element 18. Thus, no welding or molding is present. The spring elements can be removed at any time.

Most importantly, *Taguchi* does not disclose that the spring elements being an integral part of the rotor. The spring elements are merely fitted into holding element 18. However, holding element 18 is not a rotor. *Taguchi* clearly identifies the rotor with numeral 14. No fastening and/or welding of these elements is disclosed.

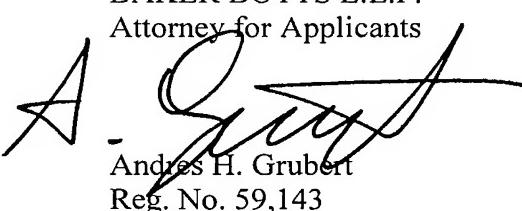
With respect to *Udoni*, the same arguments as presented above apply. Moreover, *Udoni* explicitly discloses that the vane actuating body 23, which are identified by the Examiner as spring elements, is a separate element which therefore cannot be integral with anything. Also, *Udoni* clearly shows the rotor with numeral 3 which again does not have any integral spring elements.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit these Arguments in Support of Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review along with a Notice of Appeal. Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2148 in the amount of \$510.00 for the Notice of Appeal fee. Applicants believe there are no further fees due at this time; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees necessary or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2545.

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